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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06/09/00
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 3
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-28 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Camp(US Pat. No: 6,317,729) in view of Goldschlag(US Pat. No: 6,108,644).
4. As per claims 1,20,22,25,28 Camp teaches a method for facilitating a financial transaction over a network(Abstract)(col 3 lines 46-47) comprising a programmable memory device which contains the following for formulating payment instructions network address instructions(col 3 line 46-col 4 line 9). Camp does not explicitly teach a digital certificate and encryption. Goldschlag teaches this(col 4 lines 16-64)(col 5 lines 51-57). Camp teaches issuing software to a second user wherein the software includes payment information of the second user including a second user's financial account information wherein said software is capable of interacting with the programmable memory device over the first network(col 8 line 8-27)(col 11 line 29-col 12 line 32) as well as formulating a connection between the programmable memory device and the software(col 7 lines 45-46) and receiving across the connection the payment instructions(Fig 2/6/9/10) and routing the payment information and instructions to the issuer utilizing the

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network(col 11 lines 11-45) as well as receiving the payment information and instructions where the issuer is capable of accessing one of the first user's and second user's financial account information(Fig 1/5)(Fig 2/6)(col 10 line 32)(col 11 lines 29-32)(Table 2).It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Camp in view of Goldschlag to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach an electronic transaction system to meet the needs of the customer for privacy and the requirements of the vendor for reliability in a single transaction as enunciated by Goldschlag(col 4 lines 10-15).

5. As per claim 2 Camp teaches according to claim 1. Camp fails to teach wherein the payment information of the second user further includes a second user's digital certificate. Goldschlag teaches this(col 4 lines 16-64)(col 7 lines 24-32).It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Camp in view of Goldschlag to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach an electronic transaction system to meet the needs of the customer for privacy and the requirements of the vendor for reliability in a single transaction as enunciated by Goldschlag(col 4 lines 10-15).

6. As per claims 3,10 Camp teaches the method according to claims 1,7 where the first or second network is the Internet(col 7 lines 15-22)(col 3 lines 46-49).

7. As per claims 4,21,23,26 Camp teaches the method according to claims 1,20,22,25 where the network is the Internet(col 7 lines 15-22)(col 3 lines 46-49).It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Camp in view of Goldschlag to teach the above and to apply wireless communication to these transactions as a means of linking with the

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Internet. The motivation to combine is to teach an electronic transaction system to meet the needs of the customer for privacy and the requirements of the vendor for reliability in a single transaction as enunciated by Goldschlag(col 4 lines 10-15).

8. As per claim 5 Camp teaches the network of claim 1 wherein the address instructions include a URL(col 7 line 22)(col 3 lines 46-49).It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Camp in view of Goldschlag to teach the above and to utilize a telephone as a connecting electronic medium for transactions. The motivation to combine is to teach an electronic transaction system to meet the needs of the customer for privacy and the requirements of the vendor for reliability in a single transaction as enunciated by Goldschlag(col 4 lines 10-15).

9. As per claim 6 Camp teaches the method of claim 1 including authorizing a payment amount read from the instructions(Table 2).

10. As per claim 7 Camp teaches the method of claim 6 wherein authorizing a payment amount includes requesting via a second network authorization from a first user's financial institution(col 8 line 40-col 9 line 20).

11. As per claim 8 Camp teaches the method of claim 7 wherein the payment instructions further include an encrypted PIN recognizable by the first user's financial institution for accessing financial account information(col 8 lines 15-27).

12. As per claim 9 Camp teaches the method according to claim 7 where the network is the Internet(col 7 lines 15-22)(col 3 lines 46-49).It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art

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at the time of the invention to combine Camp in view of Goldschlag to teach the above and to apply an ATM terminal at the customer site to these transactions as a means of linking with the network. The motivation to combine is to teach an electronic transaction system to meet the needs of the customer for privacy and the requirements of the vendor for reliability in a single transaction as enunciated by Goldschlag(col 4 lines 10-15).

13. As per claim 11 Camp teaches the method according to claim 1. Camp teaches wherein the programmable memory device is employed (col 3 line 46-col 4 line 9). Camp does not specifically teach that the programmable device is a smart card. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Camp in view of Goldschlag to teach the above and to utilize a smart card as one form of a programmable memory device for these transactions. The motivation to combine is to teach an electronic transaction system to meet the needs of the customer for privacy and the requirements of the vendor for reliability in a single transaction as enunciated by Goldschlag(col 4 lines 10-15).

14. As per claims 12,17 Camp teaches the method according to claim 1 wherein the first(second) user's financial account information includes his(first) account identifier(col 7 lines 45-50).

15. As per claims 13,18 Camp teaches the method according to claims 1,17 wherein the first(second) user's financial account information includes his account identifier or account type(col 7 line 47)(col 7 line 57).

16. As per claims 14,19 Camp teaches the method according to claim 1 wherein the first(second) user's financial account information includes the financial institutions's routing number(Table 2).

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17. As per claim 15 Camp teaches the method according to claim 1 wherein the encryption program contains a private key generated by the issuer(col 9 lines 22-30).

18. As per claim 16 Camp teaches the method according to claim 1 wherein the encryption program generates a private/public key pair within the programmable memory device(col 3 lines 25-44)(col 4 lines 4-44)(Table 1).

Conclusion

19. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Gibbs teaches a unique digitas signature

20. Any questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's superior, Mr. Vincent Millin, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1065.

The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft or Informal faxes to Technology Center 3600 or this Art Unit is (703)-308-3687. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1113.

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